

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EP0-Internal, BIOSIS, CHEM ABS Data, WPI Data, PAJ

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, -where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	TAKANE HARA ET AL.: "Flower induction in Asparagus Seedlings by Anilide and Benzamide" J. AGRIC. FOOD CHEM., vol. 40, 1992, pages 1692-1694, XP002305634 page 1693; examples 25,26,33-37; tables I,II	1,2,6-9
X	WO 03/029219 A (MAYER HORST ; JAEGER KARL-FRIEDRICH (DE); BASF AG (DE); ERK PETER (DE)) 10 April 2003 (2003-04-10) page 1, line 6 - line 40 page 11, line 30 - line 40 ----- -/--	1,2, 6-11,13, 14

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## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 3 725 427 A (KULKA M ET AL) 3 April 1973 (1973-04-03)  column 7 - column 8; table I; compounds 1-20,30,31,36, 37, 39-51 column 10, line 48 - line 50 -----	1,2, 6-11,13, 14

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onal application No.  
PCT/EP2004/007872**Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

**Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)**

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1, 2, 6-11, 13, 14 (all in part)

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

## FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1,2,6-11,13,14 (all in part)

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A1)

2. claims: 1, 2, 6-11, 13, 14 (all in part), 3-5, 12 (completely)

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A2)

3. claims: 1,2,6-11,13,14 (all in part)

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A4) and (A3) with X being methylene

4. claims: 1,2,6-11,13,14 (all in part)

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A3) with X being sulfur, sulfinyl, sulfonyl

5. claims: 1,2,6-11,13,14 (all in part)

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A5) and (A6)

6. claims: 1,2,6-11,13,14 (all in part)

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A7)

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7. claims: 1,2,6-11,13,14 (all in part)

Method for treating plants in need of growth promotion, comprising applying to said plants, to the seeds from which they grow or to the locus in which they grow, a non-phytotoxic, effective plant growth promoting amount of an amide compound having formula I in which A is (A8)

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